

SEVENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

SENATE.

No. 360

STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND NINE.

AN ACT for the safeguarding of schools against danger from fire.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Section 1. Any building which is used in whole or in part 2 as a school house shall be provided with proper egresses or 3 other means of escape from fire sufficient for the use of all 4 persons therein accommodated. These egresses and means 5 of escape shall be kept unobstructed, in good repair and 6 ready for use. Stairways on the outside of the building shall 7 have suitable railed landings at each story above the first, ac-8 cessible at each story from doors or windows and such stair-9 ways, doors or windows shall be kept clean of snow, ice and

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10 other obstructions. In school buildings of more than one 11 story there shall be at least two separate means of egress by 12 inside or outside stairway and each story above the first 13 shall be supplied with means of extinguishing fire consisting 14 of pails of water or other portable apparatus or of a hose at-15 tached to a suitable water supply and such appliance shall be 16 kept at all times ready for use and in good condition. Upon 17 written notification by the superintending school committee 18 that any school building does not meet the specifications here-19 in named the municipal officers of the town shall at once 20 proceed to correct the defects and any failure so to act shall 21 render the town liable to the provisions of section sixteen of 22 chapter fifteen of the Revised Statutes. .

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IN SENATE,

March 6, 1909.

Reported by Mr. MILLIKEN from Committee on Education and laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

F. G. FARRINGTON, Secretary